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UNTSO Officer stationed Tiberias in conversation Consulate General Officer stated inter alia:

(A) Israeli buildup Tiberias Area greatest in experience UNTSO in area;

(B) His hypothesis Israelis seeking provocation attack two fronts with main attack from Safaad-Rosh Pinna area into lightly defended rebel held Bekaa Valley at Metullah thence up valley to Damascus-Beirut road then into Syria along road cutting South toward Artoux.

This plan in conjunction paratroop drops on crossroads would place Israelis behind five brigades Syrian Army on Israelis frontier.

ACTION: ACSI, AF, NAVY, OSD

INFO : OCS, DCSOP, JCS, OSA, CMC

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